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SUBJECT: STATUS REPORT - AUSTRALIA, NEW ZEALAND, PACIFIC
ISLANDS

1. FIJI: AMBASSADORIAL COMINGS AND GOINGS. WE HAVE NOW
RECEIVED AGREEMENT FROM FIJI FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF JOHN
CONDON AS AMBASSADOR. THE AMBASSADOR-DESIGNATE PLANS TO
ARRIVE IN SUVA IN MID-MARCH. AMBASSADOR SELDEN WILL MAKE
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HIS FAREWELL CALLS IN FIJI THE WEEK OF FEBRUARY 20 AND WILL
RESIGN HIS RESPONSIBILITIES IN FIJI EFFECTIVE MARCH 1.
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2. NEW ZEALAND TO PROPOSE ECONOMIC CONSULTATIONS.
BARBARA ANGUS, THE DCM AT THE NEW ZEALAND EMBASSY, HAS TOLD
US THAT AMBASSADOR WHITE HAS BEEN INSTRUCTED TO REQUEST

THAT US-NZ ECONOMIC CONSULTATIONS BE HELD LATER THIS YEAR. SUCH CONSULTATIONS WERE BEGUN IN 1969, AND THE LAST SESSION WAS HELD IN WASHINGTON IN 1975. ACCORDING TO MS. ANGUS, THE NEW ZEALAND EMBASSY SUGGESTED TO WELLINGTON THAT THE MULDOON VISIT, THE FORTHCOMING DEPUTY STR VISIT TO NEW ZEALAND AND THE ARRIVAL IN THE US LATER IN FEBRUARY OF THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE MIGHT MAKE FURTHER CONSULTATIONS SUPERFLUOUS. WELLINGTON REPLIED THAT IT WOULD NEVERTHELESS LIKE TO HAVE CONSULTATIONS, WHICH WOULD

COVER A BROAD RANGE OF BILATERAL AND GLOBAL ISSUES.
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3. FIJI REQUEST FOR RELIEF AID. THE FIJIAN AMBASSADOR TELEPHONED EA/ANP DIRECTOR HURWITZ TO SAY THAT HE WOULD BE MAILING DOWN FROM NEW YORK A REQUEST BY THE GOF FOR RELIEF AID FOR DROUGHT AND TYPHOON STRICKEN AREAS OF FIJI. HE SAID THE REQUEST IS MAINLY FOR RICE AND OTHER FOODSTUFFS. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE) VANCE

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